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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of June 23, and is timely filed by fax within the 3 month period for response.

AMENDMENTIn the Claims

Separate accompanying pages numbered 10 et seq. below, contain an unmarked-up copy of the claims after amendment. Claims 1 and 14 have been amended as follows:

1. A coating composition for substantially preventing moisture loss from a cured composite coated with the composition, the coating composition prepared by a process comprising:

[(a)] heating and blending a mixture comprising waxes and paraffins[;] and dispersing

[(b)] a powdered metal, metal oxide, or metal carbide throughout the mixture; and

cooling the mixture to form a waxy solid with powdered metal, metal oxide or carbide dispersed therein;

wherein the waxy solid is substantially free of entrained gasses, wherein heating is not needed to render homogeneous a coating of the composition as applied to a composite, wherein the coating reduces moisture loss from the composite coated therewith[;], and wherein the composite comprises residual moisture produced by a cure reaction.